

Statement of Governor Haley Barbour
June 30, 2006

“The addition of this important new manufacturing program to American Eurocopter’s existing Columbus operation is a great complement to our burgeoning defense industry, and we welcome production of the Army’s new Light Utility Helicopter in Mississippi. Our state’s partnerships with outstanding companies such as EADS North America to provide high-tech, high-quality military systems to our men and women in uniform continue to strengthen, and that’s a testament to our highly-skilled workforce.”

We are in the process of completing the binding MOU, which will likely include the following commitments:

Company will commit:

- 150 net new jobs
- \$30M investment

In return state will provide incentives from the following Momentum Mississippi programs:

- \$650,000 CDBG for public infrastructure improvements
- \$150,000 Development Infrastructure Program for public improvements
- Advantage Jobs Payroll rebate (standard)
- Job tax credits (standard)

In addition, the state will provide start-up training.

TVA is going to provide \$200,000

ARC is going to provide \$350,000 for public improvements to site

EADS Web Site posting

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EADS North America selected to provide U.S. Army's Light Utility Helicopter

UH-145 to be produced in Columbus, Mississippi

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